



CITY OF MISHAWAKA



Police Department
200 North Church Street
Mishawaka, IN 46544

David A. Wood, Mayor
Kenneth L. Witkowski, Chief

February 4, 2014

Mayor David A. Wood
Board of Public Works and Safety
City Hall - 600 East Third Street
Mishawaka, Indiana 46544

Re: Police Officers of the 4th Quarter – 2013

Dear Honorable Mayor Wood and Board Members:

It is with pride for me to announce Corporals Glen Roach and Don Magnuson as our "Officers of the Fourth Quarter - 2013." These officers work on the Midnight Shift in the Uniform Division, and were nominated for this award by their supervisor, Capt. Bob Wilson.

On November 18, 2013, Cpl. Glen Roach, while on patrol, observed a suspicious vehicle located in the drive-through at McDonalds. The vehicle was being passed by other motorists in the same drive-through and not moving. At that time, Cpl. Roach approached the vehicle and observed the driver asleep behind the wheel. Cpl. Roach then awakened the driver and asked him to exit the vehicle. Upon the suspect doing so, Cpl. Roach smelled a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle and also saw a chrome plated handgun lying on the driver's side floor board. Cpl. Roach immediately secured the suspect for further investigation. A subsequent search of the vehicle located 395 grams of marijuana and several pills of ecstasy. It was also learned that the suspect was a convicted felon in possession of a handgun.

Cpl. Roach is to be commended for his self-initiative and dedication to duty in this case.

Emergency 911
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Records Division 574-258-1681

Chief 574-258-1683
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On December 9, 2013, dispatch advised officers of a burglar alarm at Speedway. Upon the arrival of several officers on scene, it was determined that the front door to the business had been torn off and entry into the building had been gained.

Upon officers reviewing the video surveillance, a description of the vehicle and suspect was obtained and broadcasted over the radio. Within minutes of the broadcast, Cpl. Don Magnuson started searching the surrounding parks for the suspect. While checking Central Park, Cpl. Magnuson observed a small pick-up truck near the fish ladder, and upon approaching the vehicle, it then attempted to leave. Cpl. Magnuson then activated his emergency lights and stopped the vehicle.

Upon confronting the driver of the vehicle, Cpl. Magnuson determined that he had located the suspect involved in the burglary, and with assistance from other arriving units, the suspect was taken into custody without incident.

Cpl. Magnuson is to be commended for his quick thinking and thorough investigative skills during this incident.

The actions of both of these fine officers during these incidents bring great credit upon themselves and reflect highly on the Mishawaka Police Department.

On behalf of the Department and my Administration, I am proud and honored to award Corporals Roach and Magnuson "Officers of the Fourth Quarter" 2013.

Sincerely,

Kenneth L. Witkowski
Chief of Police

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